
Native Village of Eyak

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WE ARE MOVING!!!

The time has come!! The Native Village of Eyak Tribal Office is moving!! Over the last year the services and staff at the Village office have continued to expand and have finally outgrown our small office. We have leased the ground floor of the Masonic Hall for our new office location and will begin moving March 1, 1996. We are looking for volunteers to assist with general repairs to the building, including painting the main room and cleaning. We will be starting on the repairs immediately. If you would like to assist us in repairs or the move of our office please call us.

BINGO!

We will soon be applying for a bingo, pull tab and raffle permit. We are planning to hold a weekly Bingo game upon acceptance of our application.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a tribal membership meeting at 4:00 p.m. March 2nd at the Masonic Hall. Representative Gene Kubina will be there to talk with tribal members. This is an excellent opportunity to get caught up on what's happening in your community! The Council would like to have one general membership meeting per month, possibly to include a potlach, and two regular scheduled Council meeting per month.

SUBSISTENCE MEETING

Southcentral Regional Subsistence Advisory Council will meet in Cordova March 4-6 at the Masonic Hall. On March 4th meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and on March 5th and 6th meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.. Our tribe will be putting on a Potlach for the Advisory Council at 7:00 p.m. March 5th. Subsistence regulations will be discussed and testimonies will be given. This will be a good time for members to meet with the Southcentral Regional Subsistence Advisory Council members.

NEW HIRES

Grace Janson was hired by Chugachmiut December 18th as the fiscal manager/accountant to assist Tatitlek, Chenega, Valdez and Cordova in their abilities to administer. Grace will be training the Councils and staff in fiscal management.

On January 9th the Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council promoted Diane Platt to the position of Tribal Administrator. This position is funded through Chugachmiut. Diane will be responsible for financial reporting and supervising the daily operations of the tribal office.

Steve Donaldson was hired February 5th as the new part-time CHR to work with Myra Allen, the senior CHR. This position is funded by Chugachmiut. Steve is also a drug & alcohol counselor.

NEW HIRES cont.

Father Benjamin Henderson was hired by Chugachmiut February 16th to be the new Community Health Development Coordinator for Tatitlek, Chenega and Cordova. He will be working closely with the CHR's and will have his office located at the new tribal offices at the Masonic Temple.

NVE STAFF

Myra Allen has been with the tribal office for two years as the Community Health Representative. Myra works with the elders and assists with youth activities. She is responsible for the quarterly distribution of elders nutrition and also handles medical travel.

Marlena Forzi is still with us and is currently the ICWA representative. Marlena works for the best interest of the native children in our community. In addition to this she is also working on a feasibility study grant to see if it is possible to have a drug and alcohol treatment center in Cordova.

Laura Cragun has been with our office for nearly 6 months now and is employed as Administrative Assistant. Laura is the editor of our newsletter and is responsible for the weekly village voice airing on KLAB. She also works closely with Diane in the daily operations of the office.

BABY BOY!

We would like to congratulate Eric and Stella Skulstad on the birth of their son Levi Dylan. Levi was born December 12, 1995 and weighed in at a healthy 9lbs 2 oz. Levi has an older brother Michael who will be showing him the ropes.

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BABY GIRL!

Our congratulations go out to Russell and Jane Allen on the birth of their baby girl Elaina Jane who was born January 23, 1996 at the Cordova Hospital. Elaina Jane weighed in at 7lb 15.9 oz and joins her big brother James Russell.

ANN MARIE BURCH

Lifelong Cordovan Anne Marie Janson Burch, 68, quietly passed away in her sleep January 18, 1996. She was born September 29, 1927 to Richard and Ida Peterson Janson. Ann was formerly one of the top commercial clam diggers and crab shakers. In 1956 she married Donald E. Burch and they raised 8 children. Ann was a giving and generous woman and was known for her sense of humor. She requested her headstone to have the quote "Here lies but the shell, the nut is gone". Ann was preceded in death by her mother, father, brother Richard Janson Jr. and her daughter Diane Janson. She is survived by her husband Don of almost 40 years and by their children, and numerous relatives and friends. Our sympathy goes out to all family members and friends.

RODNEY ALLEN

Rodney Charles Allen, age 25, died February 17, 1996 due to a fishing accident. Rodney is the son of Lloyd Allen of Anchorage and Julia Dushkin of Unalaska. He is survived by his brother Leonard and sisters Stella, Tiffany and Dana. Rodney also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Our condolences to all family members and friends.

ARCO DONATES VEHICLE!!

We recently received an 89 Ford F350 king cab diesel as a donation from ARCO. This vehicle will be used for elders' nutrition deliveries and any additional transportation needed for the tribal office. The truck is currently in Anchorage awaiting some TLC. It will be transferred to Cordova and put to use soon. This was a very generous donation and is much appreciated by the Council and staff.

FOOD BANK OF ALASKA

The food bank has been restocked and will continue to be replenished. This service is for low-income households only. If you think you may qualify, call Diane at the office.

Fish and Game Protection Division donated a deer and a road kill moose to our food bank. In January, Bob Herricks, Mark King and his son, Glen Ujioka, Mark Hoover, Warren Chappell, and Shannon Willis went out and hauled the moose in at Mile 9. Mark King put on a masterful demonstration of dressing a moose. In 5 below zero weather this was above and beyond the call of duty! Bud Jansen hung the deer and moose and had them cut up and packaged. Thanks to Shannon Willis for hiring the moose with his truck. Shannon, we are ready for another one.

CONTEST!!!

We need your help! We are holding a contest to select a new name for our newsletter. If you have any ideas please call Laura or send a letter to us. The person whose idea we choose will receive \$50 and a 1995 Sobriety Celebration T-shirt!

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Mark Hoover attended the Chugach Environmental Consortium meeting in Anchorage on January 12 - 14.

Bob Herricks, Monica Riedel, and Martin Andersen attended the EVOS meeting in Anchorage January 12 - 16. The theme this year was Traditional Knowledge and incorporating it in the new and current EVOS projects. There will be an EVOS project meeting Saturday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at our new offices in the Masonic Lodge. As the projects are due by April 15, we need anyone interested to help get them going. These new projects will provide jobs and possible boat charters. We need all the help we can get. With fishing looking slim this year, let's take control of our own destiny!

On February 2 and 3 Diane Platt and Marlana Fonzi went to Anchorage to conduct research for the feasibility study. They visited two treatment centers. On February 4 - 6 Marlana continued on to Washington and visited three treatment centers in the Seattle vicinity.

In early February Diane Platt attended an Indian Health Service Grant writing workshop in Anchorage. This will be beneficial in obtaining an IHS Tribal Management Grant.

Bob Herricks attended the Indian Health Service Indirect Cost workshop in Anchorage February 13 and 14. This gave him the insight to negotiate our indirect rate for the programs we want to start taking over this fall.

Diane Platt, Laura Cragan, and Marlana Fonzi attended an Administration for Native Americans Grantwriting workshop for Social and Economic Development Strategy grants February 20 - 22. We are going after an ANA grant and this class proved very helpful in gathering information and hints on how to write an award-winning grant proposal.

DANCE GROUP

We would like to get a dance group started here in Cordova. Any one who is interested please let us know at the office or Tribal meeting so we can get the instructor's travel arranged. Adults and youth are both welcome. Let's restore our tribe's culture!

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

We want to know what our members think should be taught in our local school system. Should our children learn the history and culture of their ancestors? Should there be Native teachers on the staff? Let us know what you think!

ELDERS

We would like to set up taped interviews for all of our elders. This would help to preserve our history. We also would like to take pictures of all our elders to hang on the walls of our meeting hall.

Elder's Nutrition food boxes will be distributed again in March. If you are not on our list and think you may qualify, call Myra at the Village office.

SEEKING PICTURES

We are looking for old pictures of our tribal members or the village sites. If you have any, may we make copies? We would like to hang them on the walls of our new hall. Please call the office if you can help.

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OCS LAWSUIT

We, and all the tribes in the Chugach Region, have sued the United States and claimed Aboriginal Title to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Native Village of Eyak took the lead on the suit. We are claiming all waters from the east side of Icy Bay to the Barren Islands. We filed this lawsuit on February 25, 1995.

TREATMENT CENTER

We are working on starting a drug & alcohol treatment center at Mile 15. The Eyak Corporation has generously offered 25 acres of land for this purpose. The FAA has offered the 4-plex at Mile 13 to be moved for the treatment center.

UPCOMING JOBS

The Native Village of Eyak is going to be pushing for Native hire on the Million Dollar Bridge, Shepherd Point, Roundhouse Cleanup, and Hippie Cove jobs, and all EVOS projects. If you are interested stop by the office and fill out an application.

KID'S CORNER

Native Youth Olympics training is currently in progress. If your children are interested call Steve or Myra at the office.

The Birchwood Camp is coming up soon. We are able to send 7 - 8 youth. Please let us know if your child is interested.

We are considering going after a Headstart program for our children, like Port Graham and Nanwalek. Please give us your opinion on whether or not we should pursue this.